

Midterm Exam Study Guide Lauren Greer

- 6 + 1 Traits of Writing:

Ideas:

The heart of the message, the main theme, enriches and develops the theme.

Organization:

The internal structure of the piece, the thread of central meaning, the logical patterns of ideas in the piece.

Voice:

The heart and soul, the magic, the wit, along with the feelings, and conviction of the individual writer coming out through the words.

Word Choice:

The use of rich, colorful, precise language that moves and enlightens the reader.

Sentence Fluency:

The rhythm and flow of the language; how the writing sounds.

Conventions:

The mechanical correctness of a piece of writing.

Presentation:

Focuses on the form and layout of your writing.

- Formal and Informal Writing

A. Wedding Invitation?

Formal

1. Report Card?

Formal

2. Drafting?

Informal

3. Graffiti?

Informal

- The Writing Process

Essay Structure

I. Introduction:

1A. Attention Getter

1B. Narrow the focus

1C. Thesis statement

II. Body Paragraph 1:

II1. Topic

II2. Supporting facts and details

II3. Transition

III. Body Paragraph 2:

III1. Topic

III2. Supporting facts and details

III3. Transition

IV. Body Paragraph 3:

IVA. Topic

IVB. Supporting facts and details

IVC. Transition

V. Conclusion

VA. Reword thesis

VB. Summarize main points

VC. Projecting sentence

- **MLA Format:**

Font style: Times New Roman

Font size: 12

Double spaced: yes

Underline title: no

Where the page # goes: Top right hand side of the paper

What does the page # have in front of it: last name

Are abbreviations allowed: no

Are contractions allowed: no

- Spell things out completely. Example: Saint Scholastica Academy not SSA.
- No comma in dateline
- Title must be centered
- Margins must be 1 inch
- Example of MLA format:

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Intermediate Composition: Block: F

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